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In re Application of:)
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Katsumi SHIBAYAMA) **Examiner:** Unassigned
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Application No.: 10/550,689) **Group Art Unit:** 2811
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Filed: September 26, 2005) **Confirmation No.:** 4347
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For: PHOTODIODE ARRAY AND)
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF,)
AND RADIATION DETECTOR)

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicant does not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A Chinese Office Action dated December 14, 2007 that issued in a Chinese patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. A cited document is listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

While the Chinese Office Action additionally cites to Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication Nos. 2-185070 and 5-121711, these documents are not listed on the attached PTO

Form 1449 because they were previously cited in Information Disclosure Statements filed in the instant application on April 25, 2007 and July 21, 2006.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitutes "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.13(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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